

Minutes Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board May 1, 2014

(MEMBERS) Present: **City Staff Present:**

Shirley McKean Mary O'Grady Jennifer Wagner Nikki Gusz

Dr. James Schoenwetter **Guest(s) Present:**

(MEMBERS) Absent:

none

Anne Chandler, Tempe Historical Society Representative

Dr. Amy Douglass, Manager, Tempe History Museum

Barbara Roberts, Deputy Director, Community Services

Meeting convened at 4:20 p.m. Jennifer Wagner, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board Chair, called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item 1: Consideration of the April 10, Meeting Minutes

- Jennifer Wagner, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board (Museum Board) Chair, presented the April 10, 2014 Board meeting minutes to the Museum Board members for review and consideration.
- MOTION: Dr. James Schoenwetter moved to approve the April 10, 2014 Board meeting minutes as amended.

SECOND: Shirley McKean seconded.

DECISION: April 10, 2014 Museum Board meeting minutes were approved.

Consideration of the April 10, Special Meeting Minutes

- Jennifer Wagner, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board (Museum Board) Chair, presented the April 10, 2014 Board special meeting minutes to the Museum Board members for review and consideration.
- MOTION: Dr. James Schoenwetter moved to approve the April 10, 2014

Board meeting minutes.

SECOND: Shirley McKean seconded.

DECISION: April 10, 2014 Museum Board special meeting minutes were approved.

Agenda Item 2: Communications Report

There were no communications.

Agenda Item 3: National Accreditation

- Amy Douglass gave an update on two of the documents that are required by the American Alliance for Museums (AAM) for accredited institutions.
 - Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Response Plan: Still awaiting information from the Information Technology Division for an appendix; the document should be completed by the June 5, 2014 meeting of the Board.
 - Strategic Plan: staff and committees will flesh out goals with objectives and identify a timeline and budget for each goal. Amy Douglass will work on the boilerplate sections such as mission, the museum's audience, method for creating the strategic plan, who was involved, etc.

Agenda Item 4: Merger of Historical Museum and Library Boards

- Barbara Roberts stated that the changes to city boards and commissions have not been agendized for a City Council meeting as yet.
- Amy Douglass stated that the City Attorney's Office is preparing the revisions to all of the
 ordinances for the boards and commissions that are being affected. Two meetings of the
 City Council will be required before the ordinance revisions can be approved by the
 Council.

Agenda Item 5A: Public Programs Representative

- Shirley McKean, Representative of the Public Programs Committee, reported that April
 was "Made in Tempe" Rock Month. The Pistoleros started the performance series on
 April 4. Future Loves Past performed on Saturday, April 26. On May 10, Jaleo will
 perform. May 31 brings Dry River Yacht Club, Tempe's own gypsy rock band.
- The April Third Thursday featured Athletic Director Ray Anderson who discussed ASU's plans for remodeling Sun Devil Stadium.
- On May 17, the Third Thursday topic will be "Sports and Playtime: Legend City, Big Surf and Kiwanis Wave Pool."
- To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the beginning of World War I (WWI), the museum and Tempe Library are jointly sponsoring a Speaker's Series. On April 24th, the topic was "WWI and Society" presented by Dr. Robert Stahl. The May 1 presentation will be about the "Power Shootout," the deadliest shootout in Arizona history which was related to the WWI draft, Professor Heidi Osselaer will be the speaker.

Agenda Item 5B: Report - Policy, Procedures and Accessions

- Jennifer Wagner, representative on the Policy, Procedures and Accessions Committee
 (P, P & A) stated that there are currently 16 provisional deposits awaiting a vote.
- The new provisional deposits were a Gin Blossoms poster from Heath Barry and Lakes neighborhood promotional brochures from Jerri Copenhaver.
- Several loans were accepted for the upcoming exhibit, "The Tempe Sound" including a steel guitar and amplifier, photographs, recordings and the mixing board from the original Long Wong's.
- In addition, a new loan was accepted for the Sparky license plate display in "College Town" consisting of ASU license plates and a t shirt.

Agenda Item 5C: Report - Tempe Historic Preservation Commission

- Mary O'Grady, Representative to the Tempe Historic Preservation Commission (the Commission), stated that at their April meeting the Commission continued discussions about the designation of Cavalier Homes as an historic district. Waivers are being sent out to the home owners in that area as part of the nomination process.
- They discussed possible changes to the Historic Preservation Ordinance such as strengthening the verbiage on archaeological sites as part of the Commission's responsibility.
- The Commission also discussed the proximity effects of development and whether or not they should be identified as part of the Commission's jurisdiction in the ordinance.

Agenda Item 5D: Report - Tempe Historical Society

- Anne Chandler, Tempe Historical Society (Society) Representative stated that there had not been a meeting of the Society Board since the last Historical Museum Advisory Board meeting.
- She announced that the annual Society members' meeting has been moved to May 31.

Agenda Item 5E: Report - Oral History Program

- Amy Douglass stated that Susan Jensen has completed 91 oral histories for a total of more than 1,700 pages.
- Oral history volunteers were honored at the annual museum volunteer party on April 23.
 Susan Jensen received a City of Tempe Special Project Award for her work on
 transcriptions. Jennifer Sweeney was nominated for her work on a variety of projects in
 2013 including her efforts in cataloging and organizing the oral history transcript files.
 Sonji Muhammad was nominated for her research into the oral history transcripts for the
 African American Experience in Tempe booklet.
- The next meeting of the Oral History Committee is scheduled for Friday, June 6, 2014.

Agenda Item 8 - Board Member Announcements

There were no board announcements.

Agenda Item 9 - Future Agenda Items

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

 Amy Douglass stated that she is targeting a vote from the Board for approval of the Disaster Preparedness Plan in June.

The next meeting of the Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board is scheduled to take place at 4 p.m. on June 5, 2014 in the Tempe History Museum Board Room, 809 E. Southern Avenue, Tempe, AZ, 85282.

